

to the emergency designation provision in the bill. The point of order that the bill was in violation of section 403 (e) (2) of S. Con. Res. 13, FY09 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained.

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**Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1016, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 423, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Subsequently, S. 423 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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**WIPA and PABSS Reauthorization Act:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3325, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Campus Fire Safety Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 40, designating September 2009 as "Campus Fire Safety Month", and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Agent Orange Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 248, designating the month of August 2009 as "Agent Orange Awareness Month".

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**Honoring United States Navy Pilot Captain Michael Scott Speicher:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 249, honoring United States Navy pilot Captain Michael Scott Speicher who was killed in Operation Desert Storm.

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**Authorizing Legal Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 250, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *People of the State of California v. Amir Shervin*.

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#### Appointments:

**British-American Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed the following Senators as delegates of the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senators Sanders and Burris.

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#### **British-American Interparliamentary Group:**

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appoints the following Senator as a delegate of the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Gregg.

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**Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–549, appointed the following individual to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: Shawn Gerstenberger of Nevada.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions through Friday, August 7, 2009.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 68 yeas 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 262), Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs).

William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra.

Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

Martha L. Minow, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, to be Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2010.